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Applicant: Prada et al. :  
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 For: METHODS AND APPARATUS :  
 FOR SECURING A  
 DISHWASHER DOOR

## AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

*SW*  
*DL*  
 Please cancel Claims 2, 6, 11, and 12 without prejudice.

*SW*  
*DL*  
 1. (twice amended) A latch assembly for coupling a door to an apparatus, said latch assembly comprising:

a keeper comprising a biasing member and a head portion extending from said biasing member, said head portion comprising a catch and a lock release projection, said biasing member configured to bias said catch for engagement with the door;

*SW*  
*DL*  
 a handle comprising a contact surface in slidable contact with said lock release projection, said handle selectively operable to uncouple the door from the apparatus;

*SW*  
*DL*  
 a handle retainer coupling said handle to the door; and